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## HONGKONG &amp; SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL... £15,000,000  
RESERVE FUNDS... £1,500,000  
Savings... £1,500,000  
SILVER... £1,500,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS... £15,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
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MANAGER—  
Shanghai—A. O. STEPHEN.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON COUNTY AND WESTMINSTER BANK, LIMITED.

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On Current Account at the rate of Two per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—  
For 3 months 2½ per cent. per annum.  
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N. J. STABB, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 3, 1914.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the minimum monthly balances at 3½ PER CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

N. J. STABB, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 1, 1913.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.

HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL... £1,200,000

RESERVE FUND... £1,800,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS... £1,200,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. S. HEWITT, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, March 31, 1914.

THE MERCHANTS BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital... £2,000,000

Subscribed... 1,125,000

Paid-up... 562,500

Reserve Fund... 465,000

BANKERS, BANK OF ENGLAND.

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at 3 per cent. per annum on Daily Balances and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

A. R. LINTON, Manager.

Hongkong, July 1, 1913.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LTD.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL... Yen 40,000,000.00

Paid-up Capital... 30,000,000.00

RESERVE FUND... 13,900,000.00

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS AT:

ANTWERP—HARRIS

BOMBAY—LEONG

BURMA—NAGAKI

CANTON—NEWBURN

CHANGHAI—NEW YORK

CHINA (HANKOW)—CHINA

CHINA (HANKOW)—CHINA

HANKOW—STOUT (PORT ARTHUR)

HONGKONG—SAN FRANCISCO

Kobe—SHANGHAI

Kobe—Tientsin

Manila—Tientsin

London—Tientsin

Lowestoft—Tientsin

Interest allowed on Current Accounts.

Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

KISHI ONO, Manager.

Hongkong, April 3, 1914.

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## NEDERLANDSCHE HANDELS-MAATSCHAPPIJ.

(NEDERLANDSE TRADING SOCIETY).

ESTABLISHED 1854.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL... £60,000,000—(£25,000,000.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL... £45,000,000—(£23,750,000.)

RESERVE FUND... £8,333,168—(£2,687,880.)

HEAD OFFICE—AMSTERDAM.

HEAD AGENCY—SINGAPORE.

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## BRITISH ENGINEERING IN CHINA.

WANTED, A SELLING ORGANIZATION.

The following letter was published in "The Times" of March 11—

Sir,—I would appeal through your valued columns to British manufacturers of machinery, plant, steel, and allied trades for the formation of a selling organization that shall put the British engineering and constructing community on a par with organizations that exist for dealing with our competitors' goods in China and the East generally. It is not generally known that an organization, under the very able management of a gentleman who was at one time representing a very large and successful German engineering firm, now exists in Shanghai for the better representation of German engineering interests, and so much success has attended the efforts to push forward German goods that the scope of the organization is to be enlarged, and representatives placed in every provincial centre.

What our manufacturing community needs is not a passive organization incapable of taking orders for its principals, but an active, well-informed association, represented by men who are technical experts, who speak the language, know the local conditions, and are approved by the Chinese community. The officials of the only organization we possess have been at some pains to point out to me that the functions of that organization is not to get business, but to watch and report to their principals in London; but I think that the East will agree with me when I state that what we want is not to watch but to act; too long we have been watching—watching contracts going to others—and the time is now ripe when we should act. It must be apparent to anyone that if it is presumably necessary for one German group, who represent 35 firms, to have a staff of over 70 technical and commercial experts, most of them speaking Chinese, assisted by over 20 Chinese gentlemen who in the past have all held Government positions, it is certainly necessary for an organization that is representing over 400 British firms to have at least as many representatives in China as the Germans had necessary for their 35 firms.

China cannot be considered as one country in the European sense, as our Consular Service found after some 40 years' experience. No organization can hope to get provincial contracts by having a representative in Peking—unless they have first arranged the matter with the provincial authorities. Sir Charles Duguid, who is a very well acquainted with the situation, in a speech delivered before the British Engineers' Association in December, 1912, stated:—"Money would of course be required. The association must have its own agents, and in no vast field they would need many agents. To get behind the screens in official China was an expensive matter, and it was essential that the representatives of the association should know everything that there was to know."

If a manufacturing house desires to participate either now or in the future in China's development, it is absolutely necessary that sufficient funds be granted to any representative association to allow it to be effective. What the sum of £210 sterling will buy in the way of effective intelligence and representation in London the writer has no means of knowing, but in official China the amount is negligible, and any firm which considers that for this sum a panacea for all competition in China can be purchased is merely throwing away money. If the trade of China is worth anything to British manufacturers, it is worth at least £100 per annum for, say, three years, and if British houses are not willing to risk this amount, then it would be throwing money away to try to organize an effective representation on loan. At the present time no representative of the association has so far entered the five Western provinces of China, and nothing has been done to establish an effective intelligence organization.

From a very considerable knowledge of official and engineering conditions in China, I would suggest the advisability of forming an organization on the following lines—

Groups of manufacturers to be formed, each group to consist of from 20 to 30 manufacturers, with say, one or two

firms of contracting and erecting engineers, a consulting engineer, and a financial agent to allow of the group taking up credit contracts. Each member of the group to subscribe £150 per annum for a period of three years. Each group to be represented in one province by an agent acquainted with the language, officials, country, and conditions of his particular sphere, the agent to have an all-round technical knowledge. Each agent to be furnished with a competent comrade, and each agent to be a thoroughly capable man. Each group would subscribe in addition £500 per annum to a central office at Peking, which office would be in charge of a British engineer who has had at least 15 years' experience of Chinese methods. This office would have a Government comrade of the highest standing, and the agents and agents' comrades of the various provincial groups would correspond with the Peking office direct. If necessary a small office could be maintained in London.

If fifteen such groups were formed and placed over China the intelligence department of the organization as a whole would be at least equal to that of anything existing to-day in China, and the collective information available would make the position of members of the organization so powerful that all manufacturing houses in Great Britain would be compelled to join, in order to protect their positions.

The matter is urgent. Day by day reports come in from all over China of contracts being given to firms of nearly every nationality save British. Organizations of French, Belgian, German, Russian and Japanese financiers and manufacturers have been established already, and to-day we are the only people who neglect our opportunities in this direction. We have men who know China as well as better than others, we have manufacturers whose wares are as good as any in the world, but we have not to-day, and we are taking no steps to get, any organization capable of dealing with the situation.

Whatever the political situation, there are four hundred million buying units awaiting exploitation, and it is pays every other nation to bring its manufacturers in touch with this vast market, it surely should pay us. We are handicapped, first, by our lack of knowledge; secondly, by our want of organization; and, lastly, by the position taken by the Foreign Office, who apparently would prefer to see China in the hands of foreign groups.

I would appeal to all who have the interests of our trade at heart to help our people to realize the facts.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

Arthur T. Moore Bennett.

Yunnanfu, South-West China, February 7.

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All correspondence to be addressed to: J. BENDEN, Director, I.C.I.B.

DUNDEE ST. 21, Amsterdam.

Hongkong, March 3, 1914.

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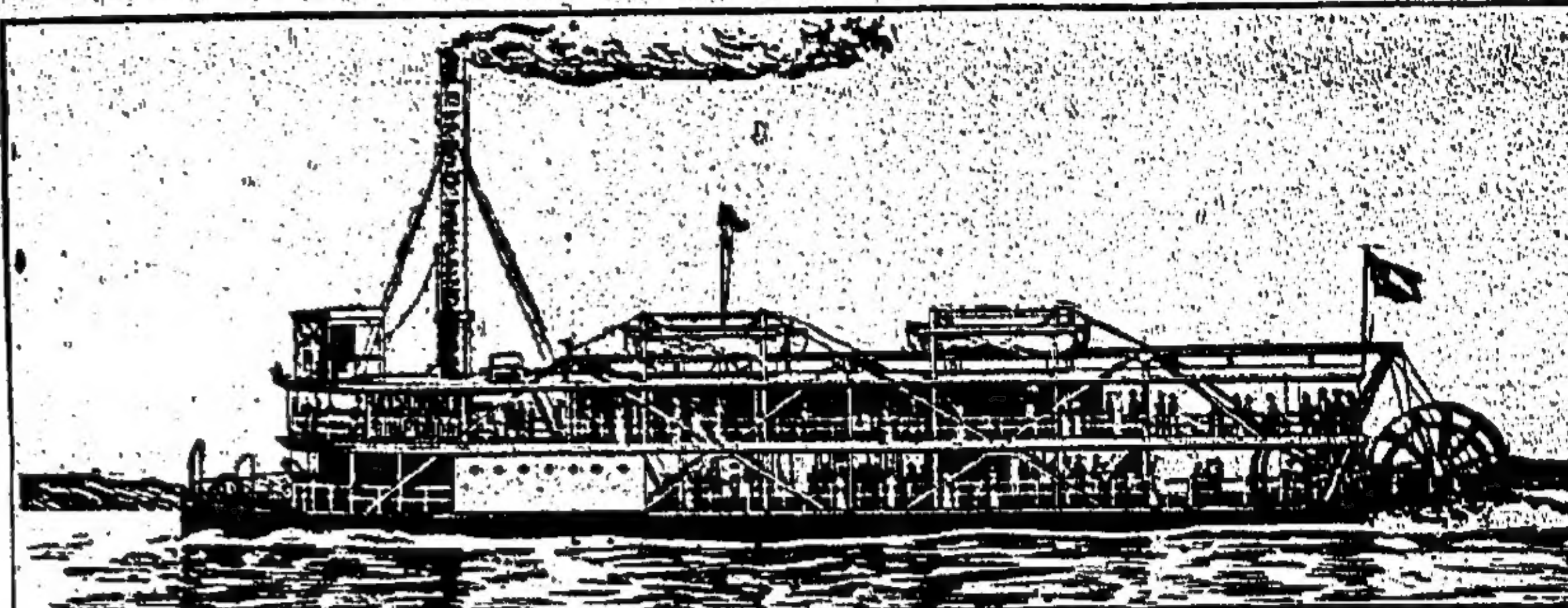
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but also a model village for the workmen and their families. The original railway was built at the result of an agreement between the Russo-Chinese Bank and the Peking Government, and it was after the termination of the Russo-Japanese War it passed into the hands of the South Manchurian Railway Company, which was established by Imperial decree; but the company did not assume ownership till the spring of 1907. As soon as the control passed into the hands of the railway company, preparations were made for the conversion of the whole track to British standard gauge, and for the doubling of the line as for as Suchiatun, a station 288 miles from Dairen. This work, which necessitated also new embankments, new bridges, and the laying of a new track over half the length of the line, was brought to a successful conclusion in 1909. This was a sufficient proof of the energy and push of the Japanese, but they also gave a further proof of their foresight. It will be remembered that during the war, the Japanese, with the object of facilitating the transport of troops and stores through the mountainous country lying between Antung and Mukden, laid down hurriedly a light railway, and after the war, after considerable negotiation and discussion, this line was relaid, and the standard gauge substituted for the make-shift one then in use, and in this way one uniform gauge came into existence along the whole South Manchurian system. In addition to its ordinary functions, as a means of communication between the markets of Manchuria and the sea, the line had from its inception been destined by its constructors to form part of the great trans-Continental railway system which links the Far East with Europe, and after considerable negotiation the South Manchurian Railway gained its object, and now both passengers and goods can pass via Dairen or Antung without difficulty or inconvenience to the Chinese Eastern Railway and the general trans-Siberian service, so that not only is the leased territory put into direct overland connection with the railway system of Europe, but also Japan, as their is now a very quick service connecting Japan with the railway of Korea, which again lead direct to Mukden. Tokyo is thus placed in direct and rapid railway communication with Mukden, with a very short sea-passage.

**NEWS OF THE DAY.**  
New police quarters are to be built on Cause Road.  
Shanghai has declared Hongkong a plague infected port.  
H. E. the High Commissioner has accepted the resignation by Lieut. H. W. Thomson of his commission in the Malay States Volunteer Rifles.  
The death took place in Kuala Lumpur on the 30th ult. of Mr. W. E. Ferdinand, Federal Checker of Stores. Deceased was an old resident of Kuala Lumpur.  
A proposal to limit the voting power of the larger property-holders in the British Concession, Hankow, to five votes and to give a vote to every bona fide householder, is to be brought before the ratepayers, meeting on the 15th inst. by Bishop Routs and Mr. G. G. Franklin.  
Tom Gaud, the Chinese artist, who is in Manila for a series of exhibition fights, says he will make an attempt to cross the China Sea to Hongkong in an airplane in the course of the next two weeks. He believes that he could accomplish the 840 miles journey in about eight hours.  
A telegram received yesterday, says the "Straits Times" of the 5th ult. announced the death in London of Mrs. Chalmers, wife of Mr. James Chalmers, who will be remembered as having been associated with the Engineering staff of the old Tanjong Pagar Dock. Mrs. Chalmers was a sister of Mrs. A. G. Gilling and was a well known resident here for several years.  
**THE FORTY YEAR TEST.**  
A British workman has completed his forty year service for a British firm. The workman, named James, was born in 1874 and has been employed by the firm since 1874. He is now 74 years of age and has been a member of the firm's staff for the last 40 years. He is now retired and is receiving a pension from the firm.

**NEWS OF THE DAY.**  
**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**  
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A campaign was run down by a launch in the harbour on Thursday and another was upset by a squall. There was no loss of life.  
Two months imprisonment and four months' fine for the offences indicated on a man who was caught in the act of breaking and entering No. 79 Praya Road.  
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The Lusitania recently established a world's "record" by steaming 618 knots between Thursday noon and Friday noon at an average speed of 25.70 knots. The previous "record" for a day's run was 614 knots, accomplished in April, 1911, by the Mauretania.  
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The Chinese junk owner who was remanded on Thursday on a charge of stealing 14 bars of metal valued at \$210 was today discharged by Mr. Hazeland for the want of sufficient evidence. It was stated that more metal than that mentioned in the charge was missing.  
We learn that the China Import and Export Lumber Co., Ltd. is now established at all the principal ports in China, doing a most flourishing business supplying Oregon pine, hardwood and railway sleepers to the utmost satisfaction of architects, contractors and railways.  
A rule made by the Railway Administration and approved by the Governor-in-Council, prohibits the smoking and chewing of opium on any train on the K.C.R. or in any station. The penalty for breach of the rule on summary conviction is any sum not exceeding \$25.  
The Trustees of Lloyd's Patriotic Fund, who from 1899 have administered a fund for the relief of men disabled in the Transvaal War, report that the number assisted in 14 years is 10,225; at a cost of £77,597. Only £500 was distributed last year, and the sum of £20,930 is now invested.  
On arrival at Penang of the German steamer Uckermark from Europe on March 27, Mr. F. T. Ellis, Superintendent, Government Manoeuvres, accompanied by Mr. J. B. Rine, Chief Revenue Officer, proceeded on board and examined the cargo of the vessel. They found a consignment of six cases marked (N.N.) said to contain cigarettes. The cases were broken open and in two of them was found a large quantity of Persian opium, the value of which is not yet known, but it is believed to be a large amount. Nobody claimed the goods and they now lie in the Government Warehouse Office. It appears that these cases had been under suspicion since they left Europe.  
**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.**  
Engineer-Commander J. D. Wilson has been appointed to H.M.S. Minotaur.  
Police Sgt. Foley, who was formerly in charge of the Tin has been transferred to the force and will leave today for the S.S. Arcadia.  
The engagement is announced of Miss Jessie Dore, daughter of Mr. A. E. Dore, late of the Chinese State Railway, and Mr. J. B. Dore, of the Chartered Bank, Penang.  
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### MILITARY BALLOON FATALITY.

**EFFECT OF A GUST.**  
London, April 11.  
A sudden gust of wind burst the envelope of an Italian military balloon moored to a tree near Milan, which at the time was surrounded by a crowd of spectators. Two persons are dying and 50 have been slightly injured, in consequence of the accident.

### RUSSIA AND HER TARIFF SYSTEM.

London, April 10.  
A St. Petersburg telegram states that the Duma by an overwhelming majority adopted the Government Bill placing a duty of 30 kopecks per pond on grain, peas and spices. It was made clear in the course of the debate that the measure is directed against Germany, and the president of the Agricultural Committee of the Duma declared that the country is on the eve of a great economic duel, and that to make concessions is impossible.

### German Products in Finland.

A telegram from St. Petersburg says that the Duma has adopted an "Urgency for Debate Bill" taxing imports and German corn into Finland. The Reporter gives figures showing that German imports are gradually ousting Russian products in Finland.

### COLONEL SEELY ON HIS RESIGNATION.

London, April 10.  
Speaking at Long Eaton, Colonel Seely, formerly Secretary of War, strenuously denied that he had any idea of an armed attack upon Ulster, and intimated that he resigned because the document he gave General Gough, which was intended to be applicable to the whole army, was regarded as a charter of conditional obedience. They had hoped to retain the services of Generals French and Ewart, but they took the view that though it was only a statement of fact the document had been construed into a trophy, and therefore they could do nothing but resign. The King, Colonel Seely declared, had nothing to do with the document.

### THE PRICE OF RUBBER.

#### WHY IT DOES NOT RISE.

London, April 10.  
Sir Frank Swettenham, speaking at a rubber company's meeting at Glasgow, said the companies were all prepared to adhere to any combination to raise the price of rubber over two shillings a pound, but the difficulty was that they had also to count on brokers' shippers and other people whose interests conflicted.

### THE KING OF SWEDEN'S SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.

London, April 10.  
A Stockholm message states that the King of Sweden has been successfully operated upon. The operation lasted seventy-five minutes, and revealed the fact that his Majesty was suffering from a superficial non-malignant ulcer in the lower part of the stomach.

### A Quiet Night.

Another telegram from Stockholm states that the King passed a quiet night, though suffering pain from his wound, which is healing satisfactorily.

### APPOINTMENT FOR A POET.

London, April 10.  
Mr. Noyes, the young English poet, has been elected visiting Professor of Poetry at Princeton University.

### BOWEL COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN.

**DURING** the summer months children are subject to disorders of the bowels and should receive the most careful attention. As soon as any unnatural looseness of the bowels is noticed, Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy should be given. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

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### THE ROYAL VISIT TO PARIS.

London, April 11.  
A telegram from Paris states that interest is growing in the visit of their Majesties. The leading firms in Paris will present to their Majesties a golden book in a casket containing the signatures of the most prominent commercial people in the capital. They also intend to present to the Queen a necklace representing the apothecosis of the entire cordone framed in gold. The scheme of decorations of the city promises to be of the most magnificent character.

### JAPANESE IN CANADA.

**A DELICATE POINT.**  
London, April 10.  
A telegram from Victoria, British Columbia, states that the Japanese Consul has protested to the City Council against the proposed segregation of Japanese children in the schools. The Council states that the most undesirable relations will arise between Canada and Japan if such legislation is passed.

### FRANCE FINANCING TURKEY.

London, April 11.  
Agreements have been made for a big Turkish loan and other financial facilities; also Turkish concessions to French financial groups initiated in Paris.

### MORE SUFFRAGETTE DAMAGE.

London, April 11.  
A suffragette with a hatchet smashed glass and a number of cases at the Asiatic section of the British Museum. She was arrested.

### NEWS OF THE "SOUTHERN CROSS."

London, April 11.  
A telegram from St. John's states that the steamer Kyle has sent wireless telegrams to the effect that she has seen seal pelts floating 70 miles south-west of Cape St. Mary. They are supposed to be from the "Southern Cross."

### THE ALBANIAN TROUBLE SUPPRESSED.

London, April 10.  
A Durazzo telegram states that it appears that the Albanian Government has now mastered the situation. The Korytza insurgents have surrendered, and the movement is regarded as suppressed.

### FRENCH AIRMEN'S TRAGIC FATE.

London, April 9.  
The bodies of a Captain and Corporal of the French Aviation Corps who commenced flying from Casa Blanca towards Fez on the 5th inst. have been found in a valley at Wedburegred. It is believed that they landed, owing to an accident, and were murdered by Moors as they were walking to the nearest post. No trace of the aeroplane has been discovered.

### VANCOUVER LADY MURDERED BY CHINESE "BOY."

London, April 9.  
The murder of Mrs. Millard, the wife of a Canadian Pacific Railway official at Vancouver, by a young Chinese house-servant because he had been reproved for carelessness, has created a painful stir throughout British Columbia, where such servants are most numerous, and is leading to various local enactments against Orientals.

### SEQUEL TO DUBLIN STRIKE RIOTS.

London, April 9.  
Captain White, who was arrested for an alleged assault on Dublin police recently, was discharged, the prosecution withdrawing the case. Captain White said the whole matter was due to a misunderstanding.

### A PARENT'S DUTY.

**YOUR** boy is always getting scratched or cut or bruised. Because these wounds have healed all right is no sign they always will. Get a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and see that every injury is treated for immediately. You can get nothing better, and blood-poison is not dangerous if treated at once. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

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### DEATH OF THE EMPRESS DOWAGER OF JAPAN.

London, April 10.  
It is contrary to Japanese etiquette to admit the death of a Royal personage, but it appears certain from various official communications that the Dowager Empress died on the night of the 8th instant.

### ROBINSON CRUSOE IN A SILK HAT.

**Electric Light on South Sea Island.**  
Mr. Robinson Crusoe has come to town—a very modern, up to date Robinson, bronzed, brisk, silk-hatted, and neatly "spatted," and with his Dowry Island for sale, says the "Daily News" of March 7.  
To the general public he is at present incognito, but he will be visible for business only at a certain caravanerie in the West End early next week, when he will be free to sit at the primrose of his delectable table to anybody with a spice of adventure in his soul and 24,000 to invest under the calm blue skies of the West Indies.

### GREAT WHALE CAY.

From Crusoe and his Man Friday a "Daily News" representative learnt all about this wonderful island. Nine years ago Mr. Crusoe was cruising round about the Bahamas with his young wife. There was quite a spice of the Blue Lagoon in their pleasant adventures. Sighting land through the haze one bright morning, they presently came to Great Whale Cay ("Cay" is the West Indian for island), found it a jolly place, and set up their tent there with all the splendid luxuries of youth. And so they founded the Garden City of Great Whale, living on the succulent shell fish (it is a wonderful place for oysters), exploring the creeks and bays, and having the jolliest time imaginable.  
The natives were neither cannibal nor catanquerous. They came to Crusoe and his wife, helped them to build a house, showed them where to find the fattest and most juicy oysters, and did everything they could for their pleasure.

### KING OF THE ISLAND.

The days passed sweetly; the nights softly and languorously; and nothing happened to disturb their serenity. Having staked his claim, Mr. Crusoe approached the Crown and bought the island for a lump sum, and so became King not only of Great Whale Island, but of the adjacent islets, which have been christened Little Whale Cay, Pigeon Cay, Goulding Cay, and Vigilant Cay.  
"Together," said the proud owner, "they have a net acreage of 600. Little Whale Cay, the largest of the small islets, possesses an acreage of 30, and is very fertile land. The others are smaller, and were bought by Crusoe mainly to prevent undesirable neighbours locating themselves too close to the main island. The position of the islands is 30 miles n.w. of Nassau, the capital of the Bahamas, a fashionable resort for Americans and touch-down-place of the Ward Line, three days from New York.

### A HEALTH REPORT.

"I have greatly developed the main island. There is a block of 200 acres of pine planted, but of this the major part needs a good deal of 'stumping,' which lack of capital has prevented doing. So far I have only been able to keep a small part in order, and that yields exceedingly well. I have planted 4,000 coconut trees, and some of these are bearing splendidly. There are at least 200 acres of first-class coconut land still to fill, which could carry 20,000 trees.

"Fresh water is obtainable all over the island, and so for health, all I can say is that I have lived in the island with my wife and two small children for very nearly 2 years, and we have all enjoyed splendid health. Certainly my labourers, who came to me, one at a time, consumptive, were cured after a year at Whale Cay. Fewer is unknown there.

"I am leaving the island for the simple reason that there are no educational facilities there for my children. I have accepted a Government appointment in Africa."

### WILD ANIMALS.

Among the "fixtures" to go with the island is a fine little yacht, fitted with a fast oil engine. Mr. Crusoe has built a very nice stone house on his island, and the electric light is only one of the amenities of this most desirable fresh-water residence. The widest animals in the place are a couple of mules—very friendly beasts—fattening on the rich grass there; and the mutton is excellent.

The only drawback appears to be the absence of a picture palace. But there is a fine general shop there, where you can buy most household necessities—even to top hats—at quite moderate rates.  
There was a rash of adventurers at the Colonial Exchange and Land Agency, Carlton House, Lower Regent Street, to inquire for details of this salubrious spot. It can be used either as a rest cure or a business proposition. The happy householder never need fear the pangs of starvation, for when the oyster season is slack the coconuts are in full blast. There are no wild animals to shatter the serenity of the life, but with an air-gun and a pocketful of B.S.A. slugs, the two miles and Solas, which afford plenty of exciting sport to the enterprising hunter.

Over £300,000 has been bequeathed for religious and philanthropic purposes by Miss Eliza Martha Bell, of Park Hill, Upper Tooting, S.W., who died on Jan. 8, aged seventy-nine. Her total estate is valued at £411,570.

She left £45,000 for the foundation of a home for ladies of limited means at Park Hill.

## COMMERCIAL.

### FREIGHT CIRCULAR.

Messrs. Lamby and Rogge ship and freight brokers, in their freight circular dated Hongkong, 11th April, state:—  
During the period which has elapsed, since issue of our last report under date of 28th ultimo, our market has continued to be quiet, and only a limited number of fixtures are recorded. Saigon rice millers are still experiencing great difficulty in finding sufficient grain to fill vessels already waiting for cargo, and we hear of some vessels having been considerably delayed there.

The following figures will show to what extent Saigon millers have been kept busy of late. Exports from February 28th to March 23rd have been as follows:—20 Hongkong, 32, 90 tons, Philippines, 9,070 tons, Japan 31,030 tons, Singapore 17,883 tons, Java 15,268 tons and Europe 34,482 tons—total 161,550 tons within 6 weeks. Cable advices just to hand however point to the probability of more grain being available for new contracts for loading by the middle of this month, and judging by enquiries after tonnage for second half April loading, we should see more activity in chartering very shortly.

The North route, that there are signs of increasing activity, although whatever cargo is offered at present is easily handled by the regular liners.

Saigon/Hongkong.—After receding to 100 cents rates have firmed up a little and again a better demand for tonnage may again be quoted at 20 cents, at which figure tonnage on time charter basis is not earlier than 15th instant could be placed.  
Rice exports from Saigon from 1st January to 25th March amount to 231,129 tons as compared with 233,024 tons during same period last year. (Quota in stands for April/May shipment at \$4.10 per picul less, against \$5.02 same period last year.)

Saigon/Philippines.—We have not heard of any further enquiries to load at Saigon.

Saigon/Java.—At the present moment there is no demand for "outside" tonnage for prompt load.

Saigon/Singapore.—A regular liner was put on the berth on basis of 22 cents p.r. picul.

Bangkok.—Regular liners seem to be sufficient for the present demand.  
Time charters.—Japanese.—"Komazata Maru" 1,918 tons n. reg. has been taken up for the conveyance of emigrants hence to Vancouver on time charter basis of \$10,000 per month.  
Coal freight from Japan are slightly firmer and fixtures are on record at \$1.60 per ton. Tonnage for prompt loading is scarce.

Fixtures Reported:—Mojib/Hongkong at \$1.00 \$1.00, Hong Kong/Canton \$2.40, and Hong Kong/Singapore at \$2.55 per picul. Sail Tonnage 1 sailing out to load for Baltimore and New York.—None.  
Sale Tonnage Disengaged:—None.  
Departure of Sailors:—None.

### OPIUM, COTTON, YARN, ETC.

Messrs. S. D. Sutra and Co., exporters and importers, in their fortnightly Report, dated from 27th March to 10th April, state:—

Bengal Opium.—Market ruled extremely quiet, and no business is reported during the past fortnight. Clearances too are very bad, only 13 chests of Old Patna had been taken delivery of by the Chinese. Unsold stock is estimated at about 1,100 chests, comprising 134 chests of Patna New, 636 chests of Patna Old, 210 chests of Benares New, and 180 chests of Benares Old. Sold but uncleared stock is estimated at about 345 chests, comprising about 30 chests of Patna New, 214 chests of Patna Old, 34 chests of Benares New and 68 chests of Benares Old. The closing reported quotations (nominal) are as follows:—

Patna New ..... \$9.25  
Patna Old ..... 9.00  
Benares New ..... 9.50  
Benares Old ..... 8.25

Malwa Opium.—Ruled quiet, and no business is reported in the market during the past fortnight. Clearances were not so good as in the previous fortnight, only 18 chests being delivered to Chinese buyers. The unsold stock is estimated at about 1,100 chests. Sold but uncleared stock at about 250 chests. (Closing nominal quotations are: Malwa New and Old \$8.10 to \$8.40.)

Cotton.—Ruled quiet and no sales are reported in the market. Unsold stock is estimated at about 2,000 packages of Indian and about 500 packages of Chinese. Closing quotations (per picul) are: \$20 to \$25 for Indian and \$24 to \$28 for Chinese cotton.

Yarn.—We have to report a dull fortnight. With the absence of Chinese buyers in their country on the celebration of their annual ancestral worshiping the market has no feature. Some sales are reported at a decline as under:—

Bales No. per Bale.  
100 Crown 114  
300 David 117  
250 Indo China 118  
150 Sun 118  
150 Dava 123  
50 Nanyang 132  
200 China 138  
100 Phoenix 143

In all about 1,300 bales comprising about 800 bales of No. 10s., 150 bales of No. 12s., 50 bales of No. 16s., and 800 bales of No. 20s. The unsold stock is estimated at about 37,000 bales. Sold but uncleared stock at about 41,000 bales.

Local Yarn.—No sales are reported. Japanese Yarn.—No sales are reported. Sundry Articles.—In imports a good demand in various articles is noticeable, and sales are reported in Kiamia at \$10 to \$18 per picul, Halibore (Kutik) at \$20 to \$22 per picul, Gurn Oibhanum at \$7 to \$11 per picul, Putchuck at \$5 to \$10 per picul, Borax at \$17 to \$19 per picul, Gonds Horns at \$100 to \$150 per catty, Rheoceros Horns at \$500 per picul, Cloves at \$32 to \$63 per picul, Apricots at \$18 to \$20 per picul, Balaogras at \$11 to \$12 per picul, Onions at \$1.10 per basket, and

## TO-DAY'S GYMKHANA.

### RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS.

HALF-MILE RACE.—For subscription gift, first of the season 1913-1914 which have now won an official race.

Messrs. Fitzwilliams' (Uganda) Gogg 1  
Mr. Billard's Fluke ..... Hastings 2  
Messrs. Lowe and Hickman's Damin ..... Hickman 3  
Time, 1 min. 0 4/5 sec.

GYMKHANA STAKES.—Distance one mile. For all China ponies.

Sir Paul's Aldwyth ..... Knoll 1  
Mr. Ellis Kadonzie's Nigerian Chief ..... Hickman 2  
Time, 2 min. 5 sec.

Parimutuel: Winners \$7.30. Placed ponies, 1st \$6.00; 2nd \$4.70; 3rd \$10.80. Cash sweeps: 1st ticket No. 10, \$348.10; 2nd No. 34, \$156.00; 3rd No. 7, \$79.00.

TEST RACING IN PARIS.—Two runs. Capt. Hattersley-Smith and Mr. Hastings ..... 1  
Capt. C. V. de G. Edye and Mr. T. E. Bissell ..... 2  
Mr. W. B. Elwes and Mr. C. C. Clarke ..... 3

Parimutuel: Winners \$20.00. Placed ponies, 1st \$2.30; 2nd \$0.30; 3rd \$12.80.  
Cash sweeps: 1st ticket No. 5, \$361.85; 2nd No. 58, \$161; 3rd No. 7, \$80.55.

ONE MILE RACE.—For subscription gift, first of any season.  
Mr. W. R. Richardson's Rosario ..... Hickman 1  
Sir Paul's Monarch Duhla ..... H. 2  
Mr. J. C. G. Ferguson's Valdeem (late Mad Eve) ..... Sedwick 3

Time, 2 min. 5 sec.  
Parimutuel: Winners \$42.50. Placed ponies, 1st \$4.00; 2nd \$7.00; 3rd \$12.00. Cash sweeps: 1st ticket No. 16, \$652.05; 2nd No. 58, \$148.30; 3rd No. 2, \$93.15.

### LATEST LONDON SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Vernon and Smyth received the following quotations by cable dated the 9th inst. from their London agents:—

Indo-China (Combined) ..... 145/-  
Chinese Engineering ..... 38/9  
H.K. Elect. Trans. ..... 31/4  
Tronoh Mines, Ltd. .... 30/5  
Ural Caspian ..... 28/6  
Mexican Eagles ..... 108/11  
Shells ("Beaver") ..... 108/11  
British Burmah Petroleum ..... 4/9  
United Serdanga ..... 10/11  
Rubber Plant. Inv. Trust ..... 13/11  
Venture Trust, Ltd. .... 28/10  
Hongkong Bank ..... 28/10  
Five Star Paper ..... 2/4  
Plantation ..... 2/4

Hongkong 11th April, 1914.

### M.P.'S ENGAGEMENT.

A Correspondent writes to the "Daily Telegraph":—"A romantic incident attaches to the recently-announced engagement of Mr. Noel Buxton, M.P. His fiancée, Miss Lucy Pelham Burn, who belongs to a well known Unionist family in Cromer, has been one of his prominent political opponents. When the fortunes of the Unionist party were at a low ebb, Miss Pelham Burn infused new life into the local party by a series of meetings; with the avowed object of ousting Mr. Buxton from the representation of North Norfolk. She also organized a petition against the Insurance Act, and in dealing with this on the platform Mr. Buxton referred to the lady in somewhat satirical terms, which drew down upon him a chorus of indignant condemnation from his friends.

It was not long, however, after this sharp collision that a bond of sympathy arose. Miss Pelham Burn took up the cause of the suffering non-combatants in the Balkan War, and while Mr. Buxton was superintending lectures and relief agencies in the constituency. It was this association in the cause of oppressed nationality, a cause in which Mr. Buxton has laboured for many years which had it may be presumed, to a more intimate attachment.

Referring to the Naval Court of Inquiry ordered to investigate alleged insubordination by sailors in the battleship Zealandia, now in Vigo Bay, on the coast of Spain, the "Daily Mail" says that the discontented sailors in the Zealandia refused to do their work; they took the food from their messes and went below into the submerged state when a guard of honour was placed over them.

The men, it is alleged, insisted on the release of their leaders before they would return to work. The Court of Inquiry summoned by the Vice-Admiral on arrival at Vigo is understood to include Rear-Admiral Browning, second in command of the squadron; Captain Sandeman, of the Britannia; and Flag-Captain Grant, of the King Edward VII.

Rose Oil at 65/- per picul. In exports purchases are reported in Green Bashi at 65 to 75/- per picul, Zedory at 117 to 127/- per picul, Cardamum, Spices at 127 to 132/- per picul, Mual at 112 per picul, Camia at 124 to 130 per picul, Broken Cassia at 30 to 40 per picul, Fire Crackers (in various prices) 50/- to 60/- per picul, Turmeric at 40 to 45 per picul.

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